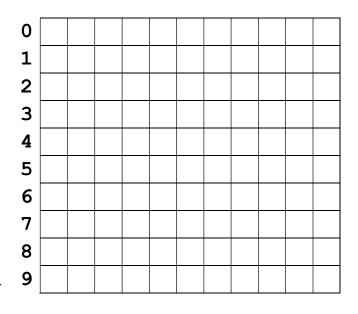
## Guest Puzzle #9 – January 2008 "Numbers" (by Arthur Schless)

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eleven letters and include one capitalized word), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Eight across words and nine down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those seventeen letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase describing an eleven-digit number. The number is to be entered in the dashes beneath the grid. The digits of that number, taken in conjunction with the row numbers to the left of the grid, mark the positions of letters in the grid that spell a word appropriate to the puzzle's title.

## Across

- 1. Pathologically sickened by critics of chaos
- 2. Primarily something odd related to nature
- 3. Hera touches inner muse
- 4. Actor-soldier gets uniform for nothing
- 5. Bit of élan
- 6. Power judge no saint
- 7. Now or then, extract value
- 8. Plunder capital from run on bank
- 9. A shrub all by itself
- 10. Burn singular department store?
- 11. Sulk quietly away from home
- 12. Demands payment for past deeds
- 13. Confusion in shadows
- 14. City weight system
- 15. Knight leaves stadium for open space
- 16. Bird of intuition
- 17. Only rejected organic compound
- 18. Carried a circular sofa
- 19. Allergy symptom in small joints reported
- 20. Smear taco liberally
- 21. Discourage dyes; they're odd
- 22. Team in torment
- 23. Except if UN shortened lessons
- 24. Chieftain of supreme erudition
- 25. Cape with four points



## Down

- 1. Can liquid for alcoholic beverage
- 2. Gore hit Betsy's bird
- 3. Colony member, wrapped in wax cloth, galloped slowly
- 4. Kennedy, having mended tear, gets dressed
- 5. Ibis or ani covering rail
- 6. Boy has head of old amphibian
- 7. Cause some to have applications
- 8. ATM has money on peninsula
- 9. Primarily my yearning to have fantasy
- 10. Routine sound of waves
- 11. Before scion is heard
- 12. Visitor, Norse, traveling about a day in France
- 13. Came together, inside!
- 14. Vessel chiefly to use before experiments
- 15. Damper and drunker, lost head
- 16. Flower girl
- 17. Solvent disables lynx seizing English earl
- 18. Stir no-cal Coca Cola beverage
- 19. Working as a cub counter
- 20. Name period of weather
- 21. Sings of royals getting nothing for work